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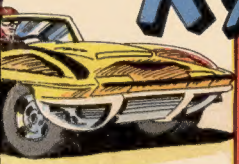

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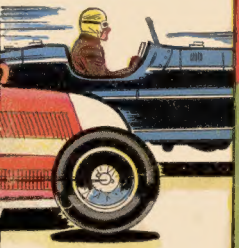

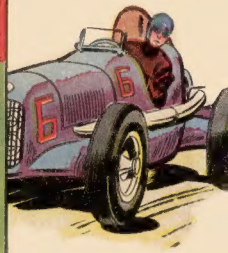

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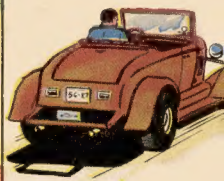

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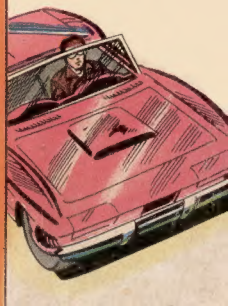

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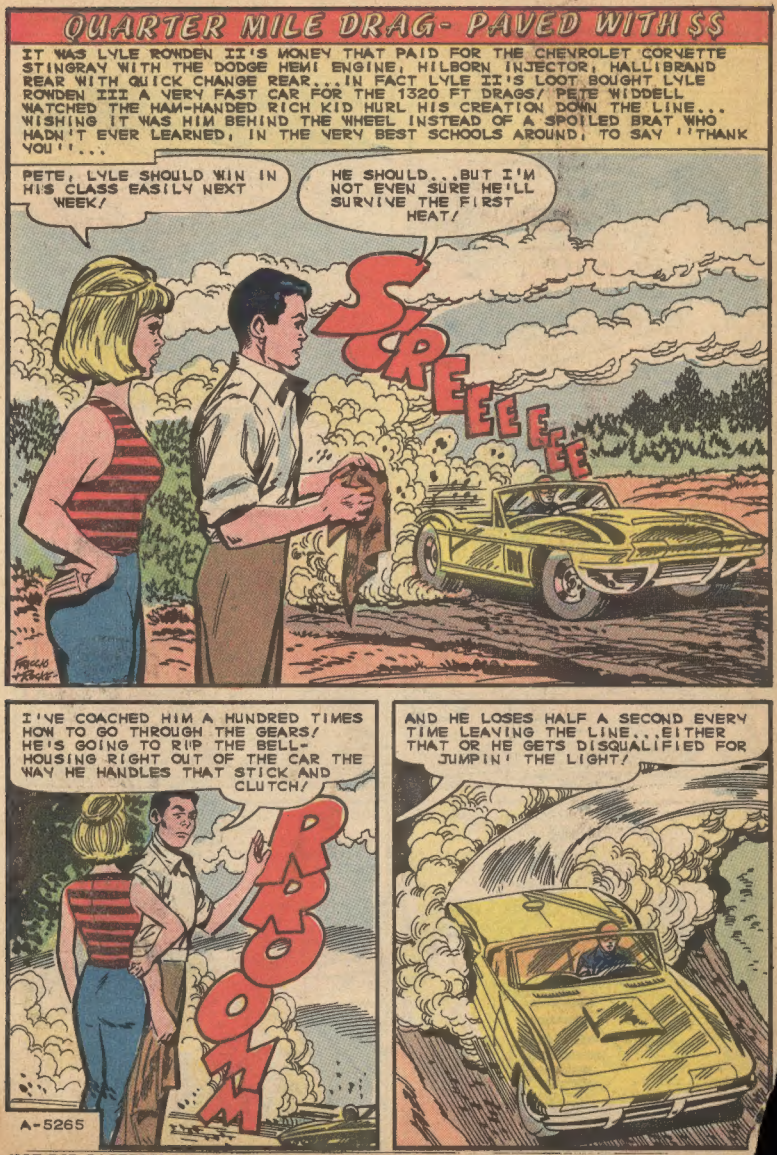
QUARTER MILE DRAG- PAVED WITH $$
IT WAS LYLE RONDEN II'S MONEY THAT PAID FOR THE CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY WITH THE DODGE HEMI ENGINE, HILBORN INJECTOR, HALLIBRAND REAR WITH QUICK CHANGE REAR...IN FACT LYLE II'S LOOT BOUGHT LYLE RONDEN III A VERY FAST CAR FOR THE 1320 FT DRAGS/ PETE WIDDELL WATCHED THE HAM-HANDED RICH KID HURL HIS CREATION DOWN THE LINE... WISHING IT WAS HIM BEHIND THE WHEEL INSTEAD OF A SPOILED BRAT WHO HADN'T EVER LEARNED, IN THE VERY BEST SCHOOLS AROUND, TO SAY ''THANK YOU''...
PETE, LYLE SHOULD WIN IN HIS CLASS EASILY NEXT WEEK/
HE SHOULD...BUT I'M NOT EVEN SURE HE'LL SURVIVE THE FIRST HEAT/
SCREEEEEEE
I'VE COACHED HIM A HUNDRED TIMES HOW TO GO THROUGH THE GEARS/ HE'S GOING TO RIP THE BELL-HOUSING RIGHT OUT OF THE CAR THE WAY HE HANDLES THAT STICK AND CLUTCH/
RROOMM
AND HE LOSES HALF A SECOND EVERY TIME LEAVING THE LINE...EITHER THAT OR HE GETS DISQUALIFIED FOR JUMPIN' THE LIGHT/
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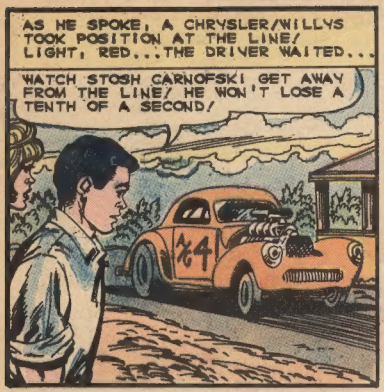
AS HE SPOKE, A CHRYSLER/WILLYS TOOK POSITION AT THE LINE/ LIGHT, RED...THE DRIVER WAITED...
WATCH STOSH CARNOFSKI GET AWAY FROM THE LINE/ HE WON'T LOSE A TENTH OF A SECOND/
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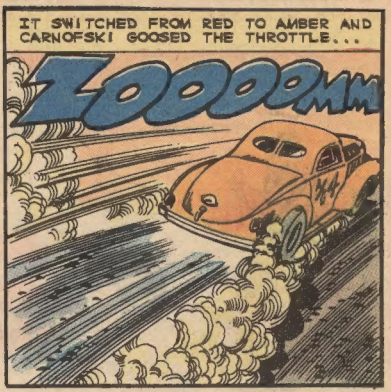
IT SWITCHED FROM RED TO AMBER AND CARNOFSKI GOOSED THE THROTTLE...
ZOOOOMM
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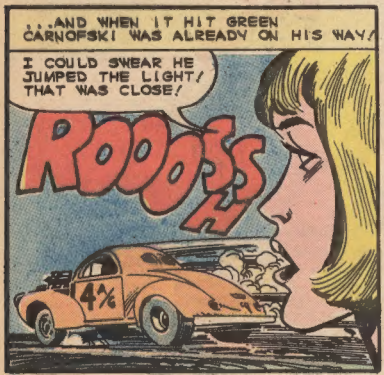
...AND WHEN IT HIT GREEN CARNOFSKI WAS ALREADY ON HIS WAY/
I COULD SWEAR HE JUMPED THE LIGHT/ THAT WAS CLOSE/
ROOOSSH
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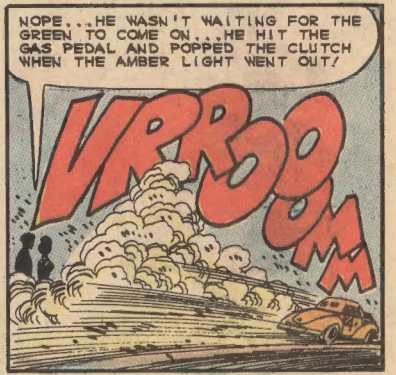

NOPE...HE WASN'T WAITING FOR THE GREEN TO COME ON...HE HIT THE GAS PEDAL AND POPPED THE CLUTCH WHEN THE AMBER LIGHT WENT OUT/
VRROOOMM

HERE HE COMES ...AND HE DOESN'T LOOK HAPPY/
PROBABLY HAD AN E.T. OF 11.5 AND DOESN'T THINK THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH/

KNOW WHAT I TURNED ...127 MPH AND ELEVEN AND A HALF SECONDS/ I EXPECTED BETTER THAN THAT FOR MY MONEY/
YOUR DAD'S MONEY, YOU MEAN/

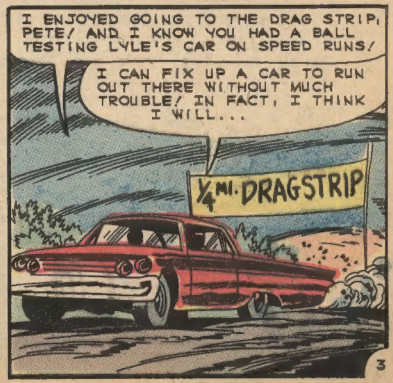
KNOW WHAT I THINK, WIDDELL?
NO/ WHAT DO YOU THINK, ROWDEN?

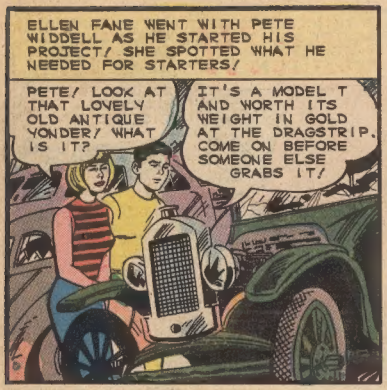
I THINK YOU CHEATED ME ON SPEED PARTS/ ALL THAT JUNK YOU SAID YOU INSTALLED... YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T PUT IT IN AT ALL/
ROWDEN, GET YOURSELF ANOTHER BOY/

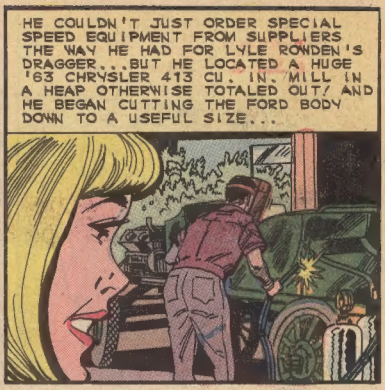
I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU A ...WOOOFFF/
THUNK

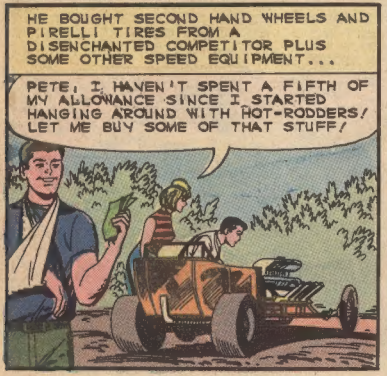
I OUGHT TO GIVE YOU A FAT LIP... BUT YOUR DAD WOULD ONLY HAVE TO PAY YOUR DENTAL BILLS...AND HE'S A NICE GUY/
CLUNK

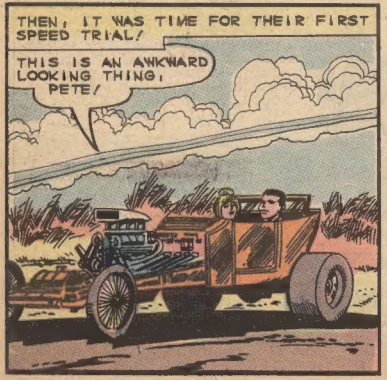
ELLEN, WAIT...I WANT YOU TO DRIVE US HOME/
GET YOURSELF ANOTHER GIRL TOO, LYLE/

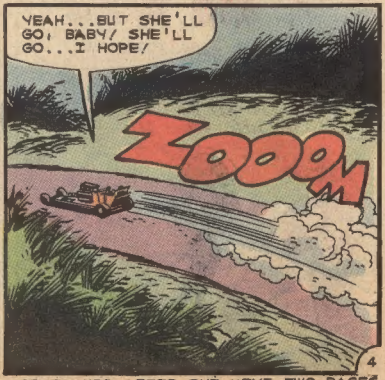

I ENJOYED GOING TO THE DRAG STRIP, PETE/ AND I KNOW YOU HAD A BALL TESTING LYLE'S CAR ON SPEED RUNS/
I CAN FIX UP A CAR TO RUN OUT THERE WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE/ IN FACT, I THINK I WILL...
¼ MI. DRAGSTRIP


ELLEN FANE WENT WITH PETE WIDDELL AS HE STARTED HIS PROJECT/ SHE SPOTTED WHAT HE NEEDED FOR STARTERS/
PETE/ LOOK AT THAT LOVELY OLD ANTIQUE YONDER/ WHAT IS IT?
IT'S A MODEL T AND WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD AT THE DRAGSTRIP. COME ON BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE GRABS IT/


HE COULDN'T JUST ORDER SPECIAL SPEED EQUIPMENT FROM SUPPLIERS THE WAY HE HAD FOR LYLE ROWDEN'S DRAGGER...BUT HE LOCATED A HUGE '63 CHRYSLER 413 CU. IN. MILL IN A HEAP OTHERWISE TOTALED OUT/ AND HE BEGAN CUTTING THE FORD BODY DOWN TO A USEFUL SIZE...


HE BOUGHT SECOND HAND WHEELS AND PIRELLI TIRES FROM A DISENCHANTED COMPETITOR PLUS SOME OTHER SPEED EQUIPMENT...
PETE, I HAVEN'T SPENT A FIFTH OF MY ALLOWANCE SINCE I STARTED HANGING AROUND WITH HOT-RODDERS/ LET ME BUY SOME OF THAT STUFF/





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THEY WERE GIVEN A NUMBER AND AWAITED THEIR TURN...
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO CLOCK THIS FIRST TIME OUT/
ARE YOU KIDDING? I JUST HOPE I DON'T BREAK DOWN BEFORE I COVER THE DISTANCE/
THEN...
RROWRRR
I KNEW HE'D BUNGLE IT, ELLEN/ I'VE GOT DAN LUBIN WORKING ON MY CAR NOW...HE'S A REAL MECHANIC/ MY CAR IS...
PETE COULD BEAT YOUR CAR ANY DAY IN THE WEEK/ GO AWAY, LYLE, YOU BOTHER ME/
HEY, HOTSHOT, YOUR GIRLFRIEND JUST TOLD ME YOU CAN BEAT ME IN A MATCH RACE/ WANTA BACK DOWN NOW OR LATER?
YOU'VE GOT A FASTER CAR, ROWDEN...
...BUT SHE'S RIGHT/ I CAN BEAT YOU IN A MATCH RACE/ BE HERE TOMORROW AT THIS SAME TIME/
I'M SO SORRY, PETE/
DON'T BE, ELLEN/ I KNOW A DOZEN TRICKS TO SAVE SPLIT SECONDS... WAYS HE'S NEVER HEARD OF/
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PETE HAD TIME THAT NIGHT TO WORK A FEW BUGS OUT OF THE ENGINE... NEXT DAY AT THE TRACK HE MADE A FEW MORE ADJUSTMENTS...
YOUR TIRES NEED MORE AIR, NOT LESS, PETE!
I'VE GOT NARROW RIMS AND 10.00 X 15 TIRES, ELLEN ...THIS WAY I'LL GET MORE BITE FROM THE STARTING LINE!
I'M SORRY I GOT YOU INTO THIS, PETE!
HE'S GOT MORE MONEY, MORE HORSEPOWER, AND MORE CONCEIT... AND WHEN THIS IS OVER...HE'LL HAVE MORE SECONDS ON HIS E.T. FIGURE! LET'S GO...
THE LIGHT WENT FROM RED TO AMBER...TO GREEN! AND PETE WIDDELL WAS AWAY FIRST, HIS SMOOTHLY TUNED MILL THUNDERING A SWEET SONG...HIS SLICKS BITING SMOOTHLY....
RROOAARR
HIS SPEED WAS ONLY 127 AND ROWDEN WAS DOING AN INCREASING 133 MPH AT THE TOP END...BUT IT WAS TOO LATE! THEY HIT THE TRAPS WITH PETE WIDDELL'S ECONOMY BRAND ROD 10 FEET OUT IN FRONT!
ZOOM
HAPPY ELLEN CONGRATULATED PETE WHILE A NEEDLER TOLD LYLE...
MONEY CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING, HOTSHOT!
END

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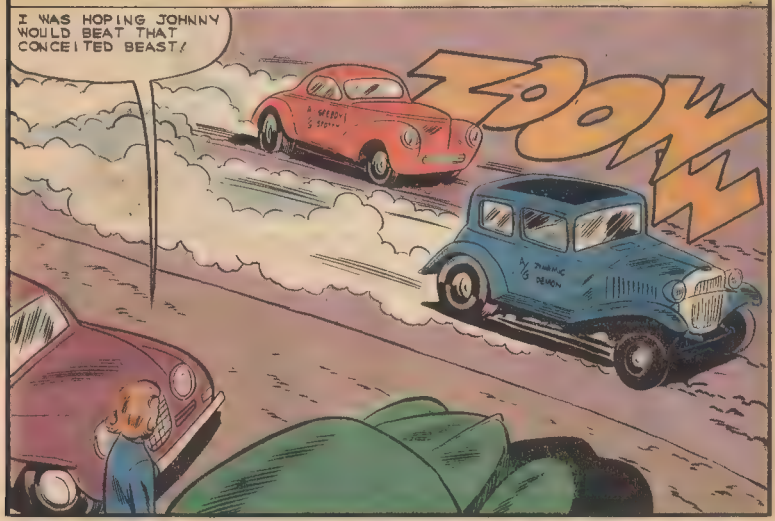

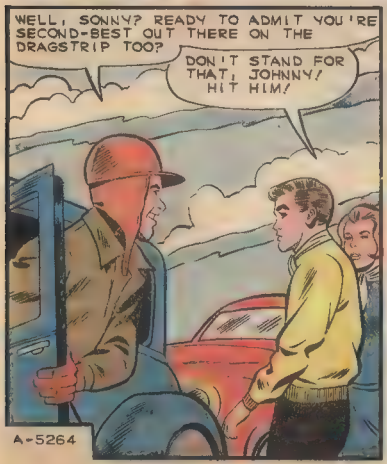

NOW...IT'S MY TURN/ READY, ROY?
NO/ DON'T HIT HIM ...IT'S MY FAULT/
HEWLITT, AN EXPERT BOXER, FEINTED ONCE, TWICE...THEN THREW A VICIOUS RIGHT HAND PUNCH THAT DUMPED HIS SMALLER, LIGHTER RIVAL/
KR AK
YOU'RE HORRIBLE, GIL HEWLITT/
GIL HEWLITT BELATEDLY REALIZED JOHNNY ARL'S GIRL FRIEND WAS COMING AT HIM/ HE PUT HIS BIG MITT OUT TO FEND HER OFF...AND THIS WAS ALL THE HANDLE SHE NEEDED TO THROW HIM FOR A LOSS/
YEEEOOOWWW!/ NO, DON'T/
THUD
H-HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
JUST SOMETHING I LEARNED IN GIRL'S GYM CLASS/ HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF, THE COURSE IS CALLED... COME ON, LET'S GO/
I SPENT ALL MY SAVINGS SOUPING UP THIS ROD...AND THAT BIGMOUTH CREAMED ME ANYHOW/
A/G SPEEDY SPOTTY

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DRIVE DIFFERENTLY

The experts tell us that over the holiday week ends and the long week ends, the death and accident rate takes an upward swing. What to do about it? They have some good advice to offer and it checks with the same techniques I have used over a period of years. The first sensible thing to do is to plan your trip carefully. Go over the road map and if you can double check with a person who had made the trip before, so much the better. It is a good idea then to put it down in writing. Something like this:

"Take the throughway to exit 34. Then get off and go north for two miles. This will take you to the Shore Road. Stay on this for twenty miles. You will see a gas station with a sign that tells you to turn right for Palmer Beach."

Otherwise you become an "uncertain driver" and that type is a real menace on the road. Misses the turnoff and then backs up along the road! Suddenly stops to check over the details and the car behind barely misses him! Or he looks for some state trooper to help him find out where he is. I consider myself the pilot of my car and my wife is the navigator. She watches for all road signs. Tells me when I am about to leave the main road or if there is a little car trying to cut me off the road. Handy to have a good navigator with you on all of these trips.

I have learned to leave early in the morning when traffic isn't heavy. And I plan my return trip the same way. Because if you have ever been stuck in rush hour city traffic, then you know what I mean. And don't kid yourself, the same kind of bumper-to-bumper traffic can even take place on some of our overcrowded highways.

We have safety belts and this past week end I again found how important a piece of equipment that they were. I was in the right hand lane at the legal speed. At my left in the other lane was a car also at the legal speed. Then suddenly there was a cut-in to my lane. And the front of that car was sticking out too much for safety. I couldn't get over to the left hand lane. Down came the brake pedal. And I stopped in time - with the seat belts doing their required job.

I have a very close friend - who is also close with his money and he has lots of it. He'll never use a toll road if he can find some other way of getting to his destination. I find it best to pay the toll and use a high speed road which may have none or a minimum of cross roads and stop lights. We stop about every hour or so and stretch our legs. And then on the long trips, my wife can take over while I can relax and enjoy the scenery.

I am known as "The Fresh Air Fiend." My vents or windows are always open. Why take a chance and get a bit drowsy? You need just that fraction of a second to lose control of the wheel or miss seeing a dangerous situation.

I make it a point of not exceeding the legal speed - and I have seen all kinds of "speed traps." It just doesn't make sense to do eighty miles an hour when the legal speed is sixty - and then spend the next couple of hours before a local Justice of the Peace explaining why you were such a fool. The experts tell you a good way to keep out of trouble is to "float with the traffic." So if for some reason traffic is done to about fifty and the speed limit is sixty - you can run into trouble if you are going to cut in-and-out of traffic on the highway to keep up this speed. On the other hand, don't get caught in back of the driver who thinks twenty miles an hour on a sixty mile an hour speedway is a cautious way of driving.

Last month on a bright day I didn't wear my sun glasses and there certainly was a glare reaction. And if you see a sign as you approach a tunnel, "Remove sun glasses at night. I have a special pair of night driving glasses and you can check on them with your eye man.

Just one other word: When you get off a high speed road onto a local road, you have to cut down on speed and make the needed readjustments for that different kind of driving.

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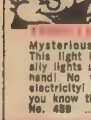

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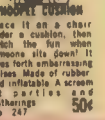

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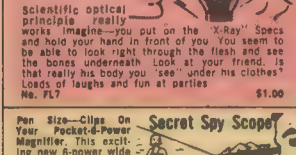

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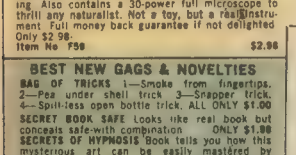

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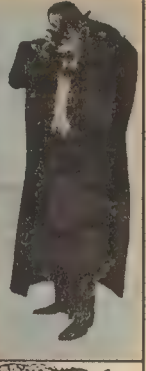

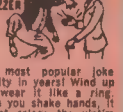

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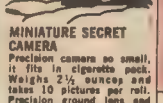

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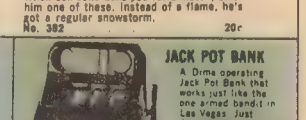

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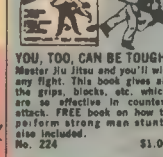

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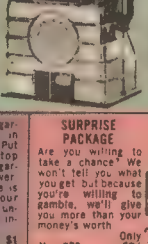

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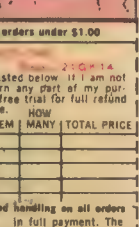

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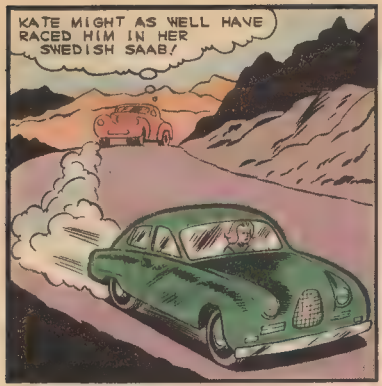
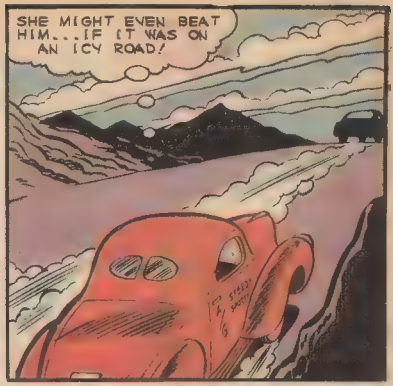
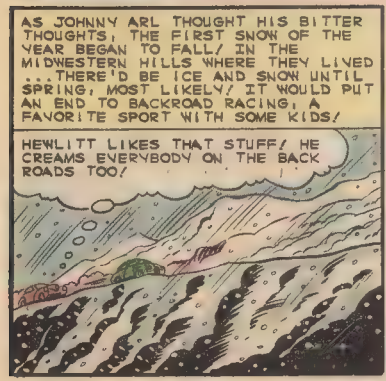
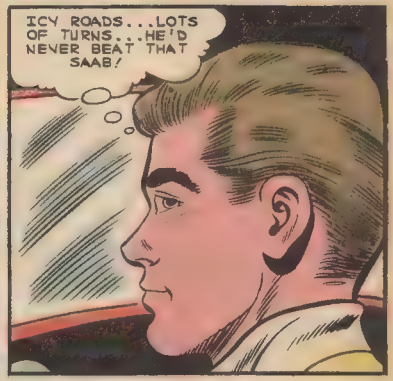
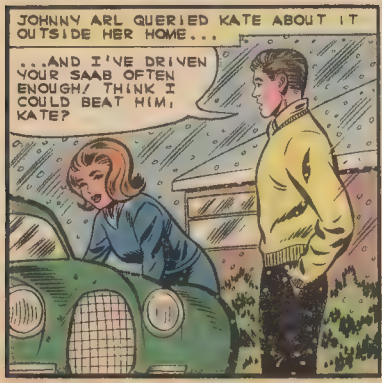
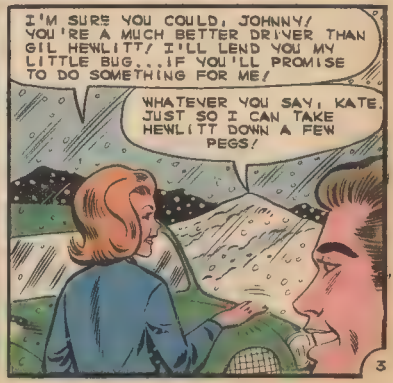

KATE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE RACED HIM IN HER SWEDISH SAAB!

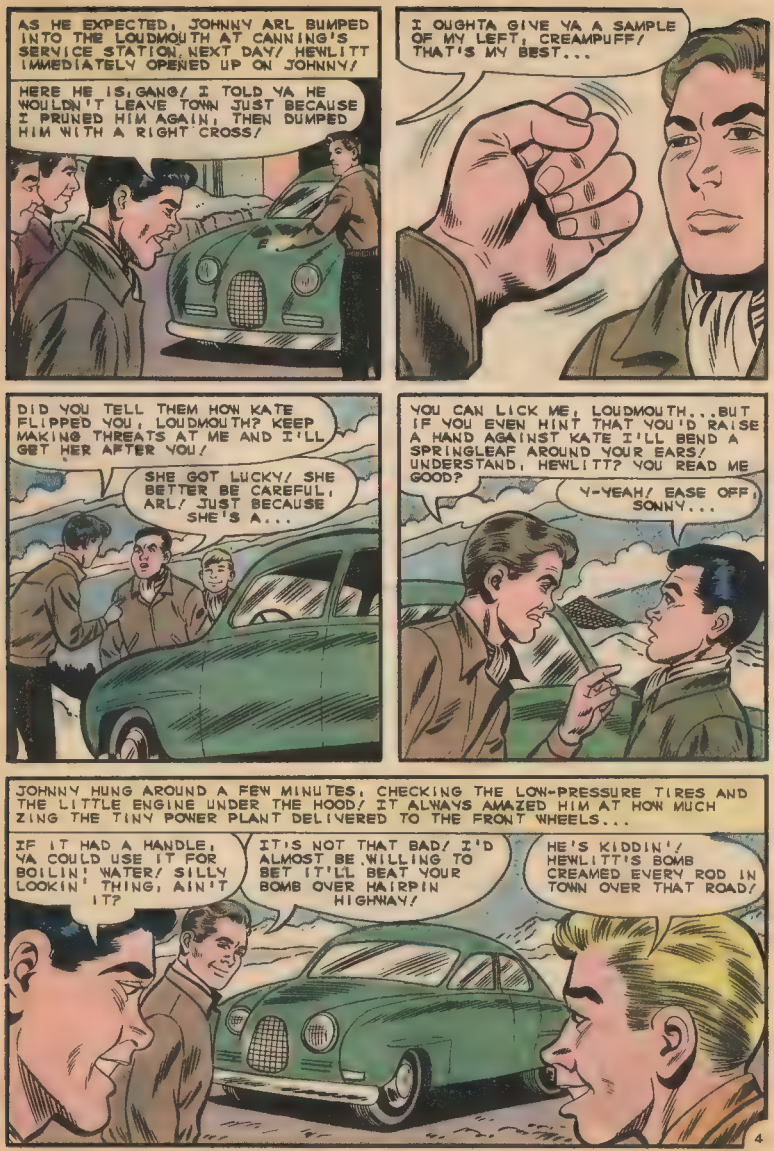

SHE MIGHT EVEN BEAT HIM...IF IT WAS ON AN ICY ROAD!

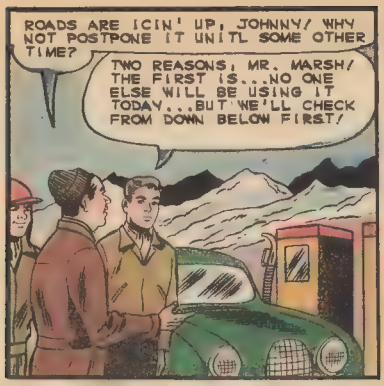

AS JOHNNY ARL THOUGHT HIS BITTER THOUGHTS, THE FIRST SNOW OF THE YEAR BEGAN TO FALL, IN THE MIDWESTERN HILLS WHERE THEY LIVED ...THERE'D BE ICE AND SNOW UNTIL SPRING; MOST LIKELY, IT WOULD PUT AN END TO BACKROAD RACING; A FAVORITE SPORT WITH SOME KIDS!
HEWLITT LIKES THAT STUFF, HE CREAMS EVERYBODY ON THE BACK ROADS TOO!

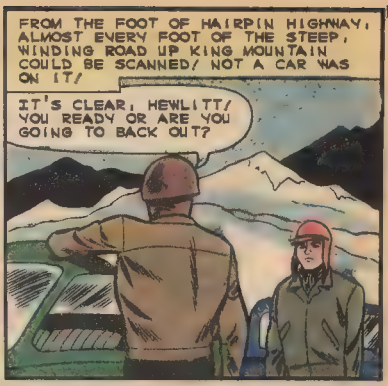

ICY ROADS...LOTS OF TURNS...HE'D NEVER BEAT THAT SAAB!

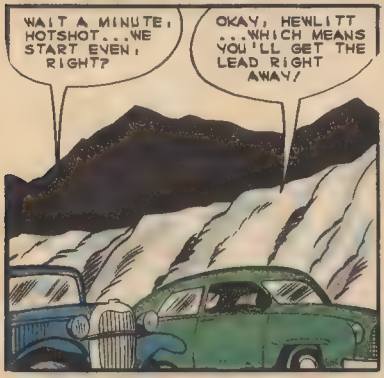

JOHNNY ARL QUERIED KATE ABOUT IT OUTSIDE HER HOME...
...AND I'VE DRIVEN YOUR SAAB OFTEN ENOUGH, THINK I COULD BEAT HIM, KATE?

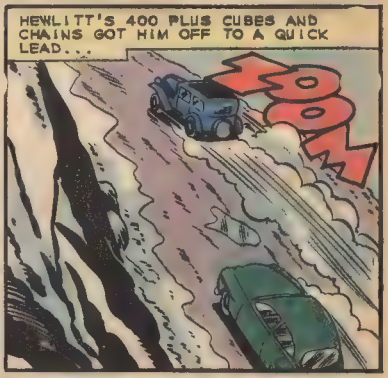

I'M SURE YOU COULD, JOHNNY, YOU'RE A MUCH BETTER DRIVER THAN GIL HEWLITT, I'LL LEND YOU MY LITTLE BUG...IF YOU'LL PROMISE TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, KATE. JUST SO I CAN TAKE HEWLITT DOWN A FEW PEGS!

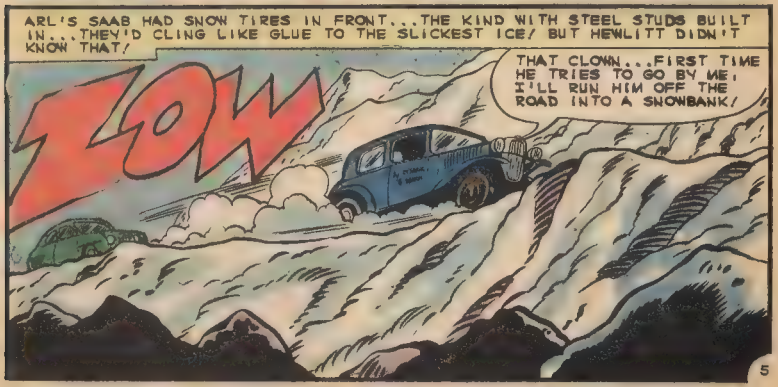

AS HE EXPECTED, JOHNNY ARL BUMPED INTO THE LOUDMOUTH AT CANNING'S SERVICE STATION. NEXT DAY/ HEWLITT IMMEDIATELY OPENED UP ON JOHNNY/
HERE HE IS, GANG/ I TOLD YA HE WOULDN'T LEAVE TOWN JUST BECAUSE I PRUNED HIM AGAIN. THEN DUMPED HIM WITH A RIGHT CROSS/
I OUGHTA GIVE YA A SAMPLE OF MY LEFT, CREAMPUFF/ THAT'S MY BEST...
DID YOU TELL THEM HOW KATE FLIPPED YOU, LOUDMOUTH? KEEP MAKING THREATS AT ME AND I'LL GET HER AFTER YOU/
SHE GOT LUCKY/ SHE BETTER BE CAREFUL, ARL/ JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A...
YOU CAN LICK ME, LOUDMOUTH...BUT IF YOU EVEN HINT THAT YOU'D RAISE A HAND AGAINST KATE I'LL BEND A SPRINGLEAF AROUND YOUR EARS/ UNDERSTAND, HEWLITT? YOU READ ME GOOD?
Y-YEAH/ EASE OFF, SONNY...
JOHNNY HUNG AROUND A FEW MINUTES, CHECKING THE LOW-PRESSURE TIRES AND THE LITTLE ENGINE UNDER THE HOOD/ IT ALWAYS AMAZED HIM AT HOW MUCH ZING THE TINY POWER PLANT DELIVERED TO THE FRONT WHEELS...
IF IT HAD A HANDLE, YA COULD USE IT FOR BOILIN' WATER/ SILLY LOOKIN' THING, AIN'T IT?
IT'S NOT THAT BAD/ I'D ALMOST BE WILLING TO BET IT'LL BEAT YOUR BOMB OVER HAIRPIN HIGHWAY/
HE'S KIDDIN'/ HEWLITT'S BOMB CREAMED EVERY ROD IN TOWN OVER THAT ROAD/


ROADS ARE ICIN' UP, JOHNNY/ WHY NOT POSTPONE IT UNITL SOME OTHER TIME?
TWO REASONS, MR. MARSH/ THE FIRST IS...NO ONE ELSE WILL BE USING IT TODAY...BUT WE'LL CHECK FROM DOWN BELOW FIRST/


FROM THE FOOT OF HAIRPIN HIGHWAY, ALMOST EVERY FOOT OF THE STEEP, WINDING ROAD UP KING MOUNTAIN COULD BE SCANNED/ NOT A CAR WAS ON IT/
IT'S CLEAR, HEWLITT/ YOU READY OR ARE YOU GOING TO BACK OUT?


WAIT A MINUTE, HOTSHOT...WE START EVEN, RIGHT?
OKAY, HEWLITT ...WHICH MEANS YOU'LL GET THE LEAD RIGHT AWAY/


HEWLITT'S 400 PLUS CUBES AND CHAINS GOT HIM OFF TO A QUICK LEAD...
ZOOM


ARL'S SAAB HAD SNOW TIRES IN FRONT...THE KIND WITH STEEL STUDS BUILT IN...THEY'D CLING LIKE GLUE TO THE SLICKEST ICE/ BUT HEWLITT DIDN'T KNOW THAT/
ZOW
THAT CLOWN...FIRST TIME HE TRIES TO GO BY ME, I'LL RUN HIM OFF THE ROAD INTO A SNOWBANK/

ARL MOVED UP ON THE LEFT AS THOUGH TO PASS...AND HEWLITT SKIDDED ACROSS TO BLOCK HIS LANE!

HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO KEEP FROM BEING BEATEN!

HEWLITT CONGRATULATED HIMSELF AT THE TOPS OF HAIRPIN HIGHWAY! HE HAD THIS RACE EASILY WON, HE RECKONED...

JOHNNY ARL CREPT CLOSER AND CLOSER UNTIL HEWLITT WAS GOING AT 45 MPH...MUCH TOO FAST FOR THE ICY ROAD CONDITIONS! THEN, HE PULLED OUT TO PASS...HEWLITT DESPERATELY TRIED TO CUT HIM OFF ...AND THE LOUDMOUTHED HOTROD CHAMP WENT INTO A SNOWDRIFT!

ZOW

THWMP

AN HOUR LATER, HEWLITT CAME IN ON A SNOWPLOW...AND HE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR JOHNNY ARL!

I'M GONNA FIX YA GOOD, WISE GUY!

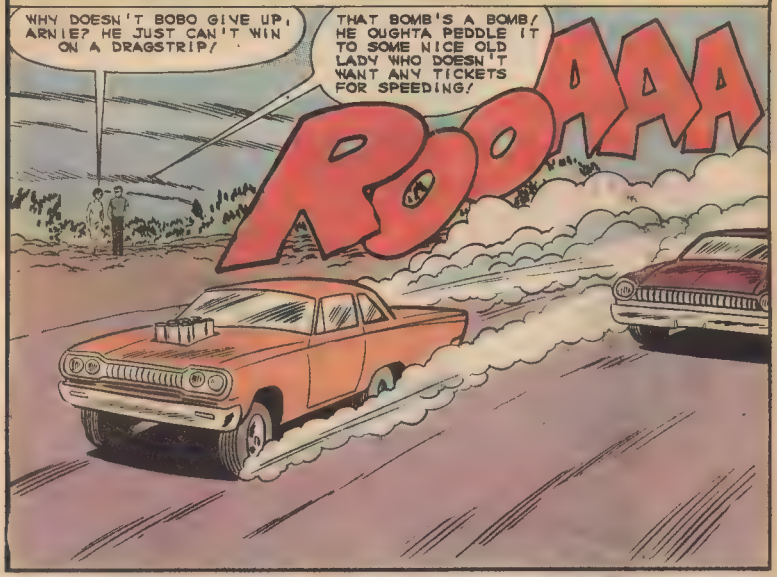
KATE HAD EXACTED A PROMISE FROM JOHNNY ARL...AND HE'D KEPT IT! HE'D TAKEN A LESSON IN JUDO FROM MR. SMITH, THE GYM INSTRUCTOR... AND NOW HE PUT HIS NEW SKILL TO USE!

AWW, WHO CARES ANYWAY!

END

RODDER'S DREAM.... 1000 H.P. ROD

I HAD MY LAST DOLLAR SUNK IN THE NEW IGNITION SYSTEM AND I HOPED FOR A WIN...BUT ONCE MORE I WAS A FAR-BACK SECOND, SMELLING BURNING RUBBER AND EXHAUST AS I WENT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE/


WHY DOESN'T BOBO GIVE UP, ARNIE? HE JUST CAN'T WIN ON A DRAGSTRIP/
THAT BOMB'S A BOMB/ HE OUGHTA PEDDLE IT TO SOME NICE OLD LADY WHO DOESN'T WANT ANY TICKETS FOR SPEEDING/
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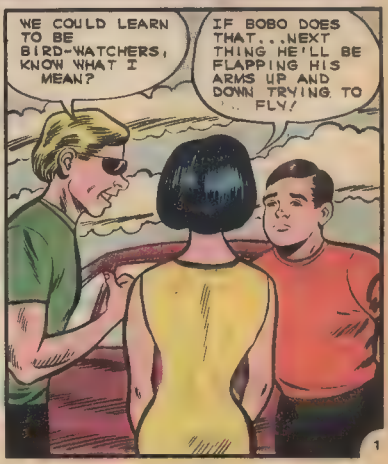

WE COULD LEARN TO BE BIRD-WATCHERS, KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
IF BOBO DOES THAT...NEXT THING HE'LL BE FLAPPING HIS ARMS UP AND DOWN TRYING TO FLY/

WHAT COULD I TELL THEM? HOW COULD I ARGUE? MY LOWEST E.T. WAS ABOUT 2 SECONDS HIGHER THAN THE MAIL TRUCK MADE IT DOWN THE BLOCK/ MY MECHANICAL GENIUS HAD TRANSFORMED AN ORDINARY DETROIT CREAMPUFF INTO...A REAL MESS/

4 SALE

DAD NOTICED THE GLOOM AND MADE HIS USUAL DEVIOUS INQUIRY...

WHAT'S EATING YOU, LESTER? LOSE AGAIN TODAY?

SURE DID, DAD/ IT WASN'T EVEN CLOSE/

LIKE THE FELLOWS ON RADIO KEEP SAYING -- YOU MUST BE DOING SOMETHING WRONG, LESTER/ CAN'T YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE YOUR MISTAKES ARE?

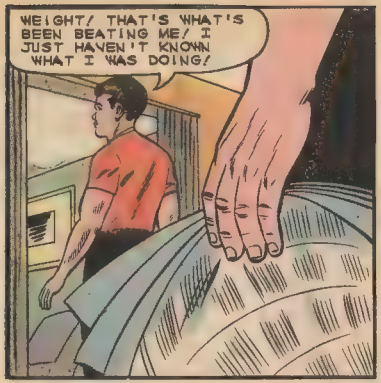
NO, SIR/ I GOT TWIN QUADS AND HOT IGNITION LIKE THE GUY HAD WHO BEAT ME TODAY/ I GOT HEADERS, DUALS, THE WHOLE SCHMEAR...BUT I COULDN'T WIN/

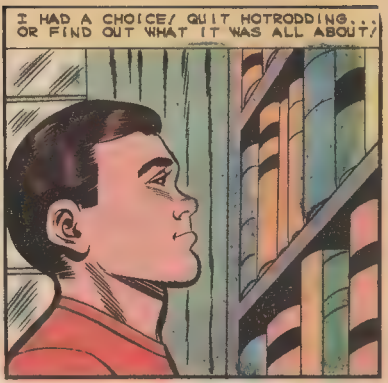
SOUNDS LIKE LOTS OF HORSE-POWER, SON/

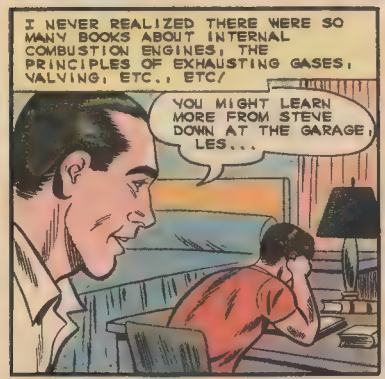
YOU ALSO HAVE FANCY MIRRORS AND CHROME AND A DELUXE INTERIOR/ THAT'S A LOT OF POUNDS FOR YOU TO RAM FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME/

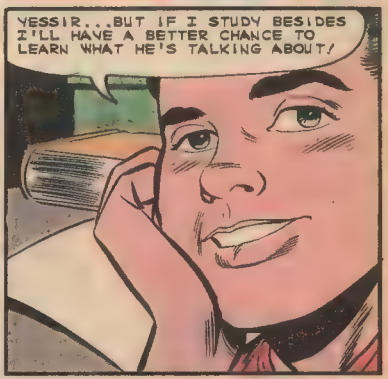
WEIGHT?

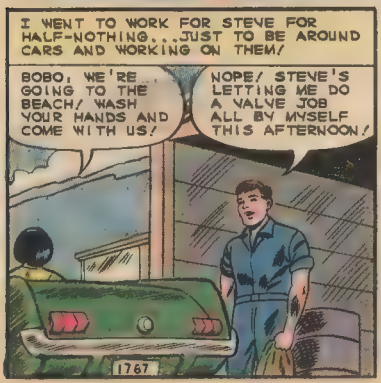
WEIGHT...I KEPT TRYING FOR MORE HORSEPOWER? WHO KNOWS FROM WHAT ABOUT WEIGHT?


WEIGHT/ THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN BEATING ME/ I JUST HAVEN'T KNOWN WHAT I WAS DOING/


I HAD A CHOICE/ QUIT HOTRODDING... OR FIND OUT WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT/


I NEVER REALIZED THERE WERE SO MANY BOOKS ABOUT INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES, THE PRINCIPLES OF EXHAUSTING GASES, VALVING, ETC., ETC/
YOU MIGHT LEARN MORE FROM STEVE DOWN AT THE GARAGE, LES...


YESSIR...BUT IF I STUDY BESIDES I'LL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO LEARN WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT/


I WENT TO WORK FOR STEVE FOR HALF-NOTHING...JUST TO BE AROUND CARS AND WORKING ON THEM/
BOBO, WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH/ WASH YOUR HANDS AND COME WITH US/
NOPE/ STEVE'S LETTING ME DO A VALVE JOB ALL BY MYSELF THIS AFTERNOON/
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YOU GO ON HOME, STEVE.. I'LL FINISH THIS AND THEN LOCK UP/
YOU'RE KINDA SLOW LEARNIN', BOBO, BUT YOU STICK TO A THING TILL YOU KNOW IT REAL GOOD/

A MONTH LATER, I WAS BEGINNING TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT I WANTED TO DO...
DAD, WHAT I WANT TO BUILD IS A RAIL-JOB...A DRAGSTER/ YOU KNOW, THE WHOLE BIT...FIBER-GLASS BODY, TUBULAR STEEL FRAME...
THE BIG CHEVY MILL BUT BORED AND STROKED FOR MORE CUBES/ THEN, RIG IT FOR NITRO WITH A SUPERCHARGER AND YOU'LL REALLY GET IT TO GO/
WHAT ABOUT WEIGHT, LESTER? YOU GOING TO KEEP THE WEIGHT DOWN?
YESSIR, THAT'S MIGHTY IMPORTANT/
STEVE LET ME HAVE SOME SPACE IN BACK AND I STARTED WELDING THE TUBULAR FRAME SECTIONS TOGETHER..
THAT'S GOING TO BE EXACTLY RIGHT, YOUNG FELLA/ DON'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES/
IT WAS SLOW WORK/ STEVE ADVISED ME TO SEND THE BLOCK TO CHICAGO TO HAVE IT BORED AND PORTED...I HAD 470 INCHES INSIDE WHEN IT CAME BACK/
ARNIE TURNED OUT TO BE A BIG HELP/ ARNIE HAD BEEN A HOTRODDER BUT HE GAVE IT UP WHEN HE COULDN'T GET A FAST CAR UNDER HIM.
SUPERCHARGED ON NITRO, BOBO? WOW/ THAT THING'LL REALLY FLY/

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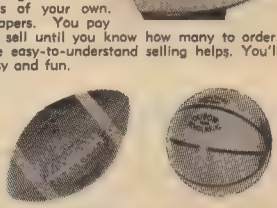

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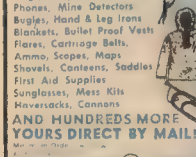

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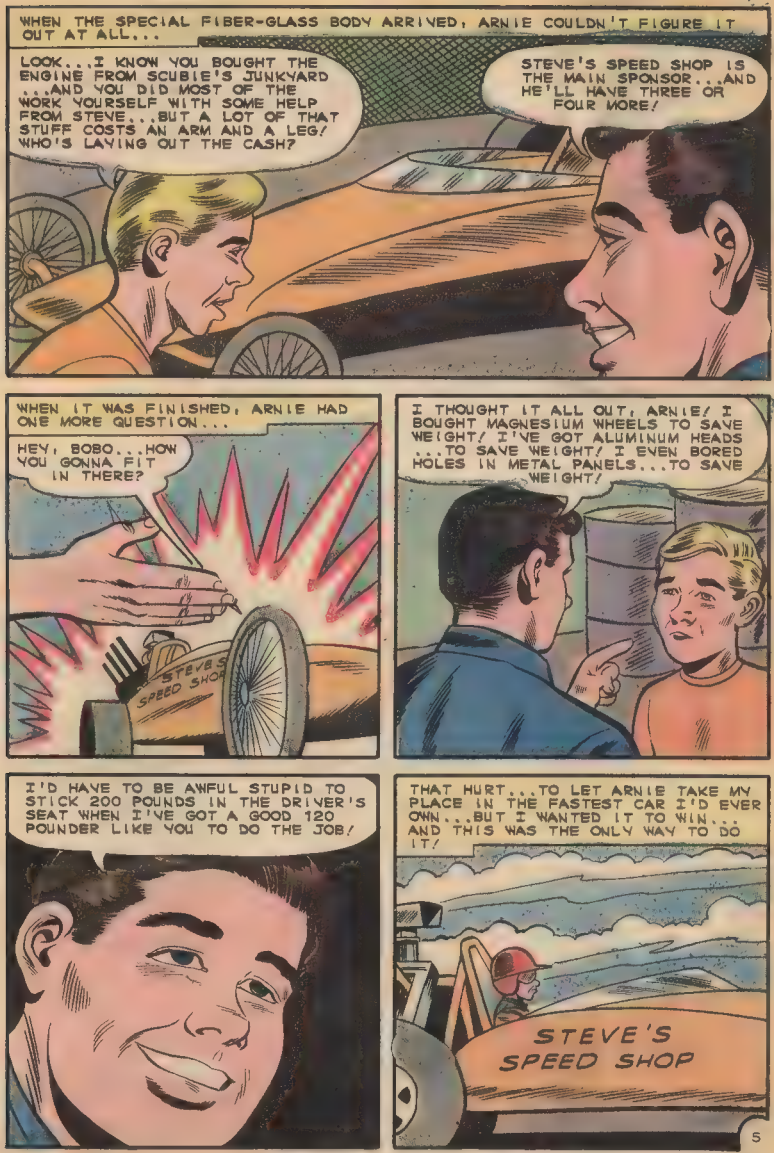
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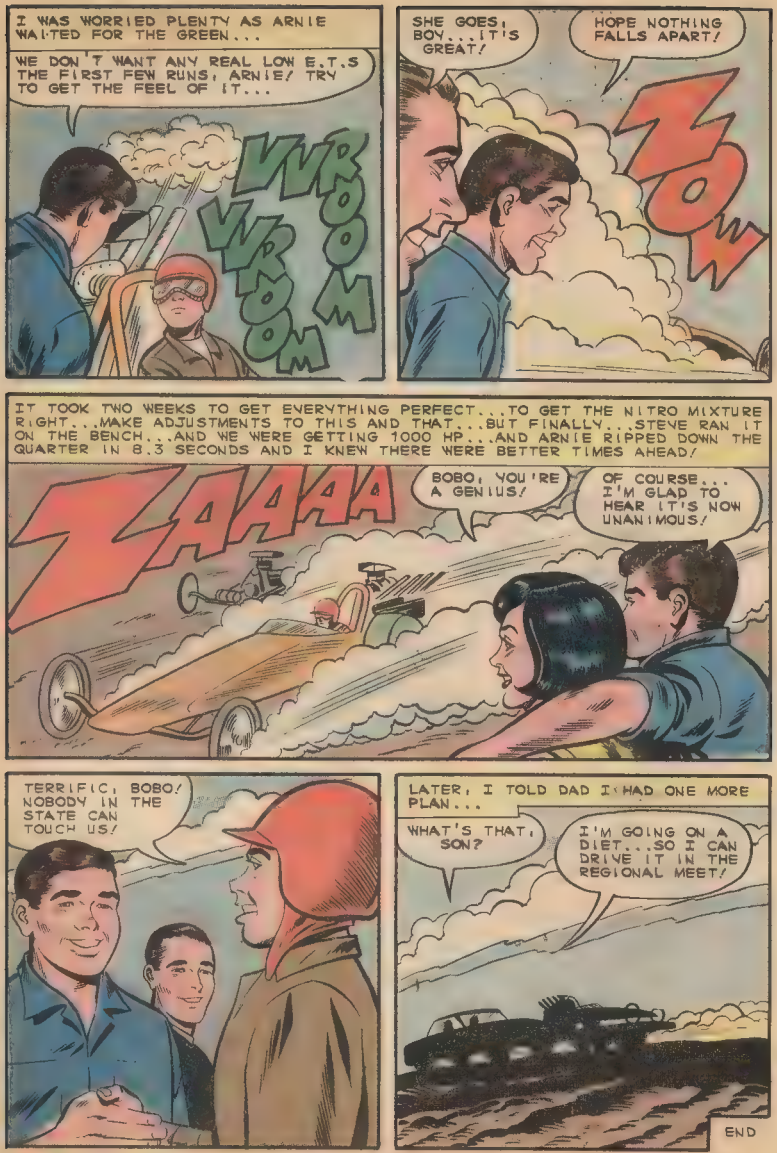
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VVROOM
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IT TOOK TWO WEEKS TO GET EVERYTHING PERFECT...TO GET THE NITRO MIXTURE RIGHT...MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AND THAT...BUT FINALLY...STEVE RAN IT ON THE BENCH...AND WE WERE GETTING 1000 HP...AND ARNIE RIPPED DOWN THE QUARTER IN 8.3 SECONDS AND I KNEW THERE WERE BETTER TIMES AHEAD!
ZAAAAA
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OF COURSE... I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT'S NOW UNANIMOUS!
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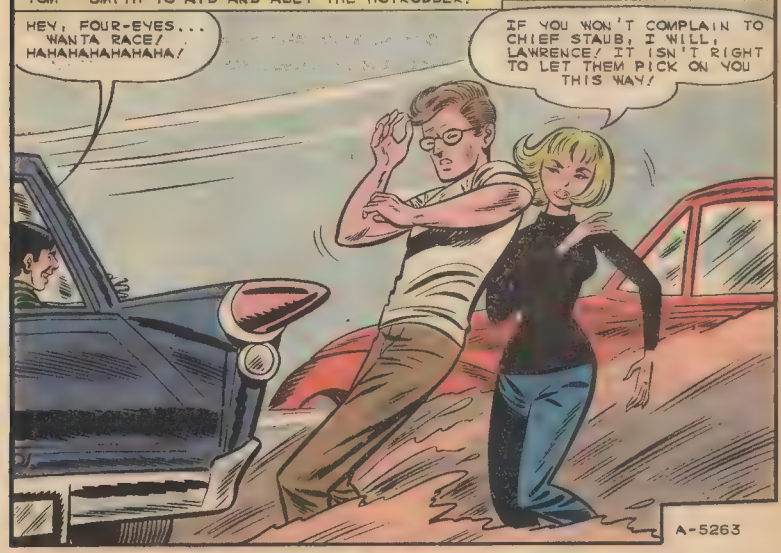
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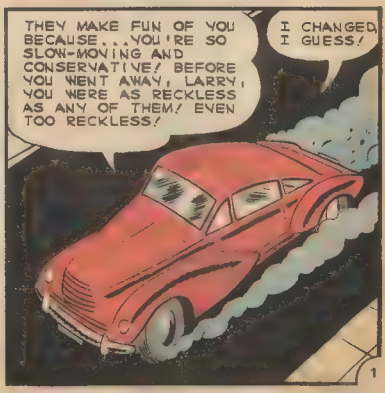
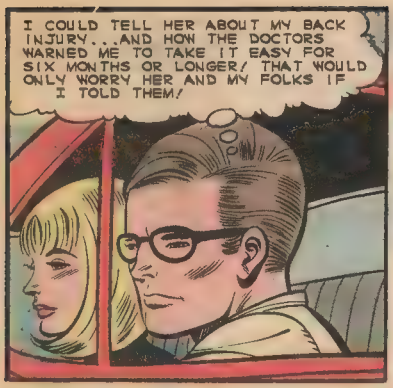

THEY MAKE FUN OF YOU BECAUSE...YOU'RE SO SLOW-MOVING AND CONSERVATIVE/ BEFORE YOU WENT AWAY, LARRY, YOU WERE AS RECKLESS AS ANY OF THEM/ EVEN TOO RECKLESS/
I CHANGED, I GUESS/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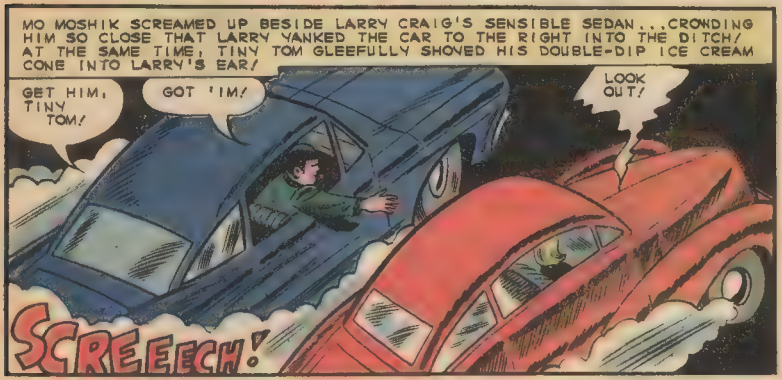
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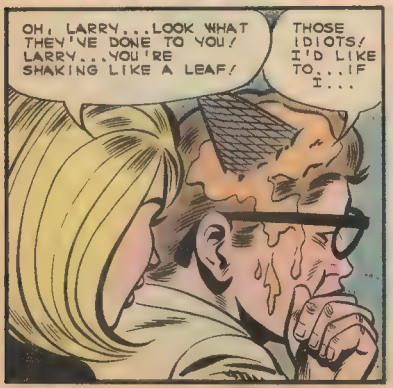
GET HIM, TINY TOM/
GOT 'IM/
LOOK OUT/
SCREEECH!



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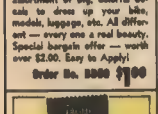

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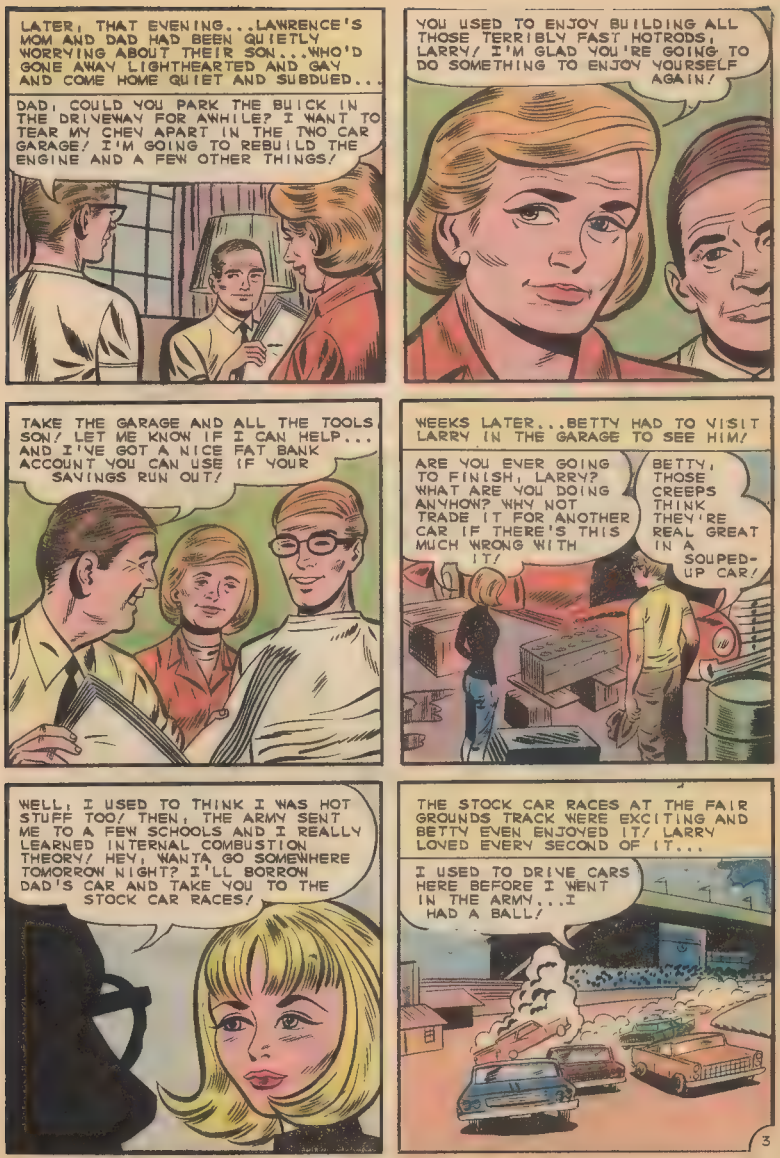
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DAD, COULD YOU PARK THE BUICK IN THE DRIVEWAY FOR AWHILE? I WANT TO TEAR MY CHEV APART IN THE TWO CAR GARAGE/ I'M GOING TO REBUILD THE ENGINE AND A FEW OTHER THINGS/
YOU USED TO ENJOY BUILDING ALL THOSE TERRIBLY FAST HOTRODS, LARRY/ I'M GLAD YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING TO ENJOY YOURSELF AGAIN/
TAKE THE GARAGE AND ALL THE TOOLS SON/ LET ME KNOW IF I CAN HELP... AND I'VE GOT A NICE FAT BANK ACCOUNT YOU CAN USE IF YOUR SAVINGS RUN OUT/
WEEKS LATER...BETTY HAD TO VISIT LARRY IN THE GARAGE TO SEE HIM/
ARE YOU EVER GOING TO FINISH, LARRY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING ANYHOW? WHY NOT TRADE IT FOR ANOTHER CAR IF THERE'S THIS MUCH WRONG WITH IT/
BETTY, THOSE CREEPS THINK THEY'RE REAL GREAT IN A SOUPED-UP CAR/
WELL, I USED TO THINK I WAS HOT STUFF TOO/ THEN, THE ARMY SENT ME TO A FEW SCHOOLS AND I REALLY LEARNED INTERNAL COMBUSTION THEORY/ HEY, WANTA GO SOMEWHERE TOMORROW NIGHT? I'LL BORROW DAD'S CAR AND TAKE YOU TO THE STOCK CAR RACES/
THE STOCK CAR RACES AT THE FAIR GROUNDS TRACK WERE EXCITING AND BETTY EVEN ENJOYED IT/ LARRY LOVED EVERY SECOND OF IT...
I USED TO DRIVE CARS HERE BEFORE I WENT IN THE ARMY...I HAD A BALL/

THEY HAD FUN...BUT IT WAS SPOILED WHEN THEY BUMPED INTO MO MOSHIK AND TINY TOM OUTSIDE IN THE PARKING LOT...
HOLD IT, SOLDIER BOY! WE HEAR YOU DON'T LIKE ME AN' MO VERY MUCH, IS THAT RIGHT?
SUGARPUSS, YOU'RE WASTIN' YOUR TIME HANGIN' OUT WITH THIS CHICKEN!
LARRY, MAKE HIM LET ME GO!
LARRY'S TOO SCARED TO DO ANYTHIN'!
TINY TOM THREW A ROUNDHOUSE RIGHT...HE MISSED...AND HIS FOLLOW-THROUGH LANDED HIM TEN FEET AWAY, FLAT ON HIS BACK!
YEEEEIIIIII!
NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN, LOVERBOY!
IF...IF YOU TOUCH ME I'LL CALL THE COPS!
OKAY...I WON'T BELT YOU AROUND LIKE YOU DESERVE! INSTEAD, I'LL GIVE YOU A SHOT AT ME WITH YOUR CAR ...I'LL RACE YOU HERE NEXT WEEK... ENTER THE AMATEUR EVENT, OKAY?
YOU GOT A DEAL, CHUMP! I WAS GONNA ENTER IT ANYHOW!

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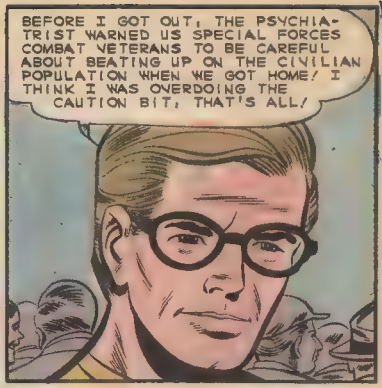
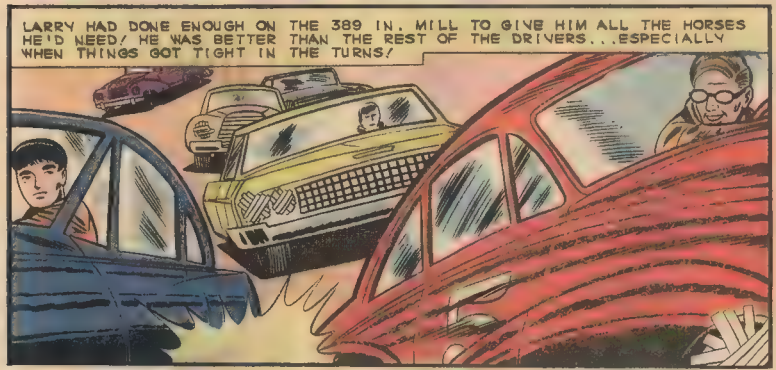
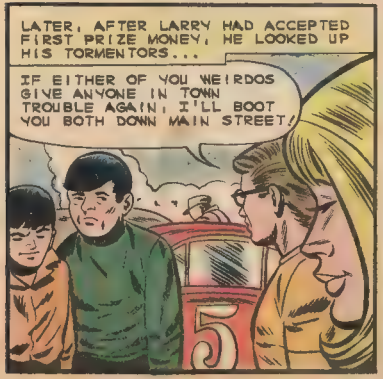

BEFORE I GOT OUT, THE PSYCHIATRIST WARNED US SPECIAL FORCES COMBAT VETERANS TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT BEATING UP ON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WHEN WE GOT HOME/ I THINK I WAS OVERDOING THE CAUTION BIT, THAT'S ALL/


LARRY HAD DONE ENOUGH ON THE 389 IN. MILL TO GIVE HIM ALL THE HORSES HE'D NEED/ HE WAS BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE DRIVERS...ESPECIALLY WHEN THINGS GOT TIGHT IN THE TURNS/


LATER, AFTER LARRY HAD ACCEPTED FIRST PRIZE MONEY, HE LOOKED UP HIS TORMENTORS...
IF EITHER OF YOU WEIRDOS GIVE ANYONE IN TOWN TROUBLE AGAIN, I'LL BOOT YOU BOTH DOWN MAIN STREET/
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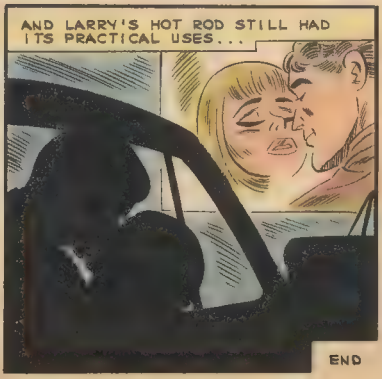
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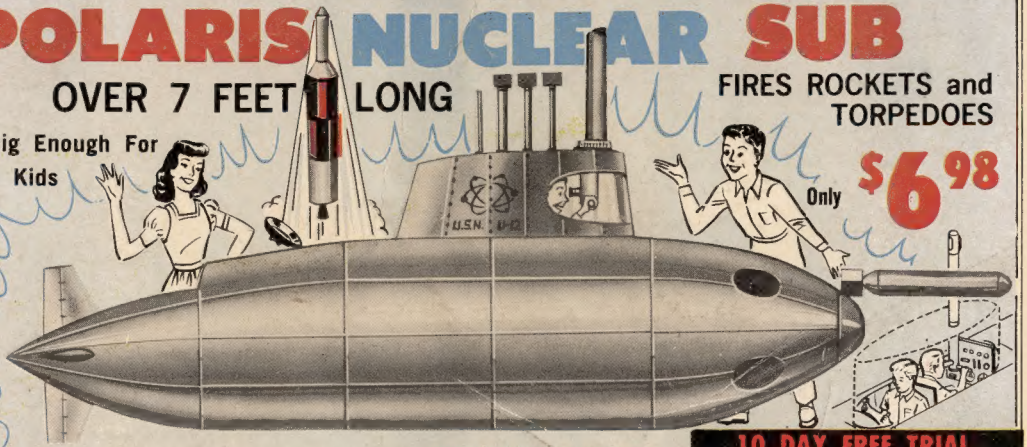

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